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Dear Friend(s) of East Timor,

EAST TIMOR. Fourteen years after this island in the Pacific was invaded by Indonesia, the plight of the East Timorese remains one of the world's most shameful examples of the violation of human rights. On October 19-20, 1989, at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, an international conference will take place concerning the human rights abuses that have occurred in East Timor and strategies for ending the atrocities.

We would like to invite you to attend the conference and share ideas and concerns as part of the network of individuals and organizations concerned about this issue. Enclosed is a draft agenda and registration form. The first day will be a public session about the situation in East Timor and the complicity of the International Community in failing to address the ongoing abuses. A reception on Parliament Hill, sponsored by "Parliamentarians for East Timor" will follow. The second day will be a working session for conference delegates to discuss strategies of action concerning the protection and promotion of human rights in East Timor.

Since the main goal of the conference is to bring together as many individuals and organizations concerned about East Timor as possible, there is no conference fee, meals will be provided as far as possible and everyone requiring accommodation will be billeted. As financial resources are limited, we are unfortunately not able to provide transportation costs to and from Ottawa.

If you have any questions concerning the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address. We look forward to meeting you at the conference.

Sincerely,

Tim Colby, Gary Evans and Erik Millett
On Behalf of the East Timor Conference Organizing Committee